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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*RE: In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).*

Dear Commission Members:

Saginaw Future (SF) believes the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA would be very beneficial to the economic development of our region, and particularly, our members who represent a broad range of industries from manufacturing to high-tech agriculture.

Since its inception, SF has remained dedicated to fostering quality job creation through expansion of local industry and attraction of new business to the community. As business conditions have evolved, SF has responded with value-added programs to deliver solutions for economic development issues that are important to the local business community. As you can appreciate, few things would add as much value today as high-speed access to technology.

This is just what the AT&T/T-Mobile USA merger would bring, if approved. The combined company promises to expand the availability of its network to provide 4<sup>th</sup> Generation wireless service to more than 97 percent of the country. Access to fast, reliable wireless networks would better enable Saginaw's small businesses to reach new markets and run their operations more efficiently. Moreover, the communities in which we live and work would benefit from a greater quality of life thanks to improved online services offering distance education, telemedicine, telecommuting, e-commerce and more.

We know that you will carefully review the merits of this merger, and we hope you arrive at the same conclusion that we did. This partnership offers real potential for achieving universal broadband coverage, an opportunity Saginaw, and our nation, can't afford to see slip away.

Sincerely,

  
JoAnn Crary, CEcD  
President